

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method for ~~providing information related to~~purchasing a desired item or service without need for a user to wait online for a purchase to go through, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting, by a user, of audio data;

~~receiving~~forming, from the inputted data, a voice data packet related to a desired item or service that has been created from an input of audio data by a user;

forming a search request using information from the voice data packet, the search request including audio information;

transmitting, from a terminal of the user, the formed search request to a search engine over an online connection on a network to said search engine, without maintaining said connection until the purchase is completed;

receiving the transmitted search request; and

searching, based on the received search request, one or more databases for the desired item or service to complete said purchase in an offline process; and

~~providing a result of the search to the user.~~

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein, the ~~information~~voice data packet includes one or more of the following types of information: consumer information, merchandize/service description, merchandize/service source, financial information and shipping information ~~provided to the user.~~

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

providing a result of said searching to the user; and

completing said purchase~~wherein the result may be used by the user to complete a purchase transaction for the desired item or service in an offline process.~~

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the searching step includes searching one or more databases over the Internet.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the ~~the~~said purchase

~~transaction~~ comprises a credit or debit card transaction.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of verifying the user's identity using a voice authentication process.

7. (currently amended) A system for performing a commercial transaction,
without requiring a consumer to wait online for the transaction to be completed,
comprising:

a terminal of the consumer comprising:

an input interface configured~~able of~~ to be operable by said consumer
for receiving audio data related to a user~~said consumer~~ and a desired~~an~~ item or service
desired for purchase, and configured to create~~creating~~ a voice data packet from the audio
data; and

a processor~~able of~~ configured for forming a search request based upon
the audio data~~information from the audio~~ voice data packet~~in an offline process, and for~~
transmitting the formed search request to a search engine over an online connection on
said network to the search engine, wherein said connection need not be maintained for
said purchase to be completed, receiving a search result, and providing a result indication
to the user; and

said search engine on a server for completing said purchase~~a user interface~~
capable of receiving an authorization from the user to perchan~~ce the desired item or~~
service.

8. (canceled)

9. (original) The system of Claim 7, further comprising an interactive voice response unit.

10. (currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein said processor includes a
~~voice browser to transmit the audio data packet.~~

11. (currently amended) The system of Claim 7, wherein ~~the~~said search engine is configured to search~~searches predefined databases and the Internet, said system including another search engine configured to search a predefined database not on the Internet, said system being configured to provide said search request to both search engines.~~

12. (currently amended) The system of Claim ~~7~~8, further comprising voice authentication means to verify ~~the identity of~~ said consumer if said input interface receives~~if the user using the audio data.~~

13. (original) The system of Claim 7, further comprising an audio-to-text unit, wherein at least a portion of the search request includes electronic text data.

14. (original) The system of Claim 7, further comprising a result indication formatter that formats the search results in a predetermined order.

15. - 16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The system of Claim ~~15~~7, wherein the search engine is configured to search~~means for searching includes searching for product or service comparison information to provide the user an optimum search result in accordance with the audio data.~~

18. - 19. (canceled)

20. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said online connection comprises a communication channel from said terminal to a server.

21. (new) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of establishing said channel in preparation for said transmitting.

22. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein said server comprises said search engine.

23. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein said online connection is said communication channel.

24. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said user is an end-user of a system on which said method is implemented.

25. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said user is a consumer.

26. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said terminal is a web-enabled television.